

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a deployment apparatus for extending a safety device from a school bus, the safety device is attached to a connector which is rotated about a pivot pin that is turned by a friction clutch driven by an output shaft. The safety device may be either a guard arm on a front bumper or a stop sign on a side of the school bus. The present invention is an improvement, *i.e.* an L-shaped bracket and a gear box are integrally molded together into a unitary structure. Gears inside the box turn the output shaft and an electric motor, operatively connected to the gear box, drives the gears. Furthermore, the L-shaped bracket has closed-end elongated slots through which fasteners extend to secure the unitary structure to an inside wall of the deployment apparatus. Because the L-shaped bracket and the gear box form a unitary structure, vibrations and constant jarring caused by the school bus do not separate the L-shaped bracket from the gear box, as may occur in the prior art devices which have an L-shaped bracket and a separate gear box bolted together.